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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, IT, PFOR, PINS

SUBJECT: BODY IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSY

REF: SANTIAGO 6670 (NOTAL)

1. UNDERSECINTERIOR COL. ENRIQUE MONTERO MADE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AFTERNOON NOV 4 OF DISCOVERY OF BODY IN ITALIAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE NOV 3. DETAILS GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL, BUT NO MENTION WAS MADE THAT VIDELA HAD BEEN IN GOC CUSTODY OR THAT SHE HERSELF, IN ADDITION TO HUSBAND, HAD BEEN MIR ACTIVIST. CITING COMMENT BY ITALIAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN THAT BODY HAD BEEN DUMPED OVER THE WALL, MONTERO NOTED POLICE GUARD AROUND RESIDENCE HAD BEEN INCREASED EVENING OF NOV 2, THEN ADDED: "THERE IS NO PROOF TO CONFIRM THE STORY THAT THE WOMAN WAS THROWN (OVER THE WALL) FROM OUTSIDE."

2. IN SPITE OF MONTERO'S CAREFUL WORDS, SANTIAGO PRESS NOV 5 PLAYED STORY AS THOUGH THE DEATH HAD TAKEN PLACE WITHIN RESIDENCE, AND HIGH-CIRCULATION "LA TERCERA" EVEN EDITORIALIZED ON WHAT A TERRIBLE THING IT IS THAT  
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THE ITALIANS CANNOT MAINTAIN ORDER IN THEIR "PSEUDO-

EMBASSY."

3. ITALIAN DIPLOMAT ASSURED EMBOFF EVENING NOV 4 THAT HIS EMBASSY HAS NO DOUBT THAT BODY WAS INDEED THROWN OVER THE WALL, AND ROME HAD BEEN INFORMED ACCORDINGLY. HE SPECULATED WOMAN'S DEATH WAS UNINTENDED POSSIBLY A SUICIDE, AND DECISION BY GOC CAPTORS TO DEPOSIT BODY IN ITALIAN EMBASSY WAS PROBABLY IMPULSIVE ACT OF LOW-LEVEL OFFICIALS. HE NOTED THAT WHEN HE MADE FORMAL REPORT TO POLICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY WITHIN FEW HOURS AFTER BODY WAS DISCOVERED, THEY SHOWED NO SURPRISE, LEADING HIM TO BELIEVE THEY ALREADY KNEW ABOUT IT THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. NOR DID HE DETECT GOC DESIRE AT THAT POINT TO TURN AFFAIR INTO ANTI-GOI PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN. HE ADDED THAT THERE ARE NOW APPROXIMATELY 270 ASYLEES IN ITALIAN EMBASSY, WITH MORE ARRIVING NIGHTLY.

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